

Here is Some "Equality."

AMONG THE WORKERS.

New York, Jan. 20.—"They have killed my poor little baby; that's why I struck. Maybe they'll kill me, too, for I haven't much money to live on now. But, maybe, I'll help win this fight and save some other poor mother's baby, and then I'll be satisfied."

Weeping bitterly, Matilda Winn pale-faced and wan, today said to State Labor Commissioner Williams, speaking of conditions in New York laundries.

"My husband was out of a job," she said, "so I had to work in the laundry to help him. My mother kept my baby during the day, but I nursed it when I got home at night."

"On Monday I worked from noon until 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. Then I rushed home, too tired to sleep, and had to go back to work from 7:30 Tuesday morning until 1:30 Wednesday night. Then home and back again at 7:30 a. m. On Wednesday we usually got off by midnight. Thursday we worked from 7:30 a. m. till 9 p. m. Friday we got away by 7 o'clock, and on Saturdays we worked only three or four hours. The first three days of the week just killed us. The doctor told me I'd kill my baby if I kept it up, but I had to earn a living. I used to get home at night so tired I could not stand—and try to nurse my baby. But I had to stay at work—and killed my own child."

"I am only 18, but there are girls as young as 14 working the same hours. The inspectors rarely ever make arrests."

Under the laws of New York women may not work more than ten hours daily. Other haggard women corroborated Mrs. Winn.

AMONG THE SHIRKERS.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—Even blasé society people were startled over the fact that the wedding of Mrs. Oliver Cromwell and Edwin T. Stotesbury was marked by the most lavish wedding presents of any American ceremony on record. For a time the Cromwells home held six million dollars worth of gifts—two million in a glittering pile of jewelry, gold plates, cups and saucers, and a bride on whom the groom settled four million dollars. Stotesbury is a Philadelphia banker and one of the twelve most opulent millionaires in the country.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—It remained for Ambassador J. G. A. Leishman of Pittsburgh, a steel millionaire, to rival the splendor of the Kaiser's court. This was admitted by his friend today who still are discussing the gorgeous raiment in which he appeared at the Kaiser's drawing room last night.

Leishman wore a swaggar coat uniform of navy blue, with collar, sleeves and trousers heavily braided with gold. He carried a cocked hat, with white and black ostrich plumes, while a tiny rapier played a graceful tattoo against his nether extremities.

New York, Jan. 19.—The elect of New York's 400 are taking a series of lessons on the etiquette of royalty at the suggestion of Ambassador Whitelaw Reid. The American representative to the Court of St. James is to have royal visitors next week. By Monday the ambassador hopes that all of the select, whom he will bid to greet the duke and duchess of Connaught, will be adept at bowing low and backing out of the august presence.

First will be held the township contest April 1912, at the following named places:

Kelso township—Fornfelt.
Mereland township—Benton.
Sylvania township—Oran.
Commerce township—Commerce.
Richland township—Stikeston.
Sandywoods township—Blodgett.
Morley township—Morley.

Tywapity township—Diehlstadt.

The teachers in each township are requested to hold contests in their respective schools to determine who shall represent the school in the township contest. The teacher of each township will constitute the board of examiners of their respective townships. This township board will hold the township contest, and send a copy of the minutes of the contest to the county superintendent's office.

A blank certificate will be given to the board to fill out and present to the contestant who wins in the township contest, and this certificate is to be presented to the county superintendent at the county contest.

The teacher of each successful contestant in the township in the township contest, and the county superintendent will constitute the county board which will conduct the county contest.

The contestant who wins in the county contest will receive a gold medal and a certificate that places upon the winner the honor of representing Scott county at the State Spelling Contest to be held in Jefferson City in May, 1912, where three prizes are offered as follows: First prize, \$100; 2d prize, \$50; 3d prize, \$25. The expenses of the contestant will be paid.

This contest is open to all pupils in the common school, from the first grade to the eighth, inclusive, but must be enrolled pupils of good attendance.

I invite teachers, school boards and patrons to unite with me in one grand effort to bring the 1st prize of the first State Spelling Contest to Scott county. I feel from the depths of my conscience that our contestant will return from Jefferson City not with cash, but with flying colors. Let us do our work well, and let every influence unite in this effort.

Thanking you for any advance for anything you may do, I am, Yours truly, Chas. D. Harris, County Superintendent.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Here is a telegram from the Kansas City Star that throws another strange light on the McNamara case:

"Leavenworth Kan., Jan. 10.—Photographs of finger prints found on a gasoline launch believed to have been used by the men who took the dynamite from the Giant Powder Works, supposedly for the purpose of blowing up the Los Angeles Times building, were compared with finger prints of the McNamara brothers and found to be quite different by officials at the federal prison here today. Photographs of the finger prints of the McNamara's were sent to a special agent of the department of justice here by the prison authorities at San Quentin, Cal."

If the finger prints do not fit it looks like the McNamaras may be innocent in spite of their confession. More and more things are coming to the surface that make that case appear extremely peculiar. It is the duty of workers everywhere to demand the fullest investigation of the whole case, from a working class standpoint, and to see that they get it.

AMONG THE HUSTLERS.

The hustlers seem to have thinned out some, but they are not yet as limber as I would like to see them. S. D. Boyett of Luska was first to round up two Chaffee Local got in with two. Joe Pfefferkorn of Oran and Sol Diebold of New Hamburg got in with two each, as did also, Will Maddox, of Oran. Peter Bollinger of Randles and Alex Thompson, of Blodgett, and Robt. Hillman, of Fornfelt, one each.

Benton—Wm. Ellis, John Gangle, Arthur Randol, Lawrence Gangle.

Charleston—H. H. Linebaugh, James Mitchell.

New Hamburg—Antone Westrich, Joe Hoefler, Wm. Urhahn, Kelso—Phillip Georger, John Blattel.

Oran—Leslie Dennis, Frank Walter, J. L. Stehr, John Hahn, Blodgett—Joe Johnson, J. R. Mason, Marion Marra.

Fornfelt—J. T. Williams, Commerce—J. P. Blattel, Stikeston—George Hodkins, Perkins—F. J. McGates, Morley—Jesse Dunn.

Randles—George Mar, Claud Slinkard, Jonesboro, Ark.—Pat Stoffel, DeRay, Mo.

Now get busy, everybody, and swell the Kicker list.

FROM CROSS PLAINS.

The weather has grown some and the snow is nearly all gone which we are all glad to see.

Mrs. Dell Rapp and Mrs. Stella Cannon visited the family of Jas. Caraker Sunday.

Monday evening W. C. Lambert drove down to Jas. Caraker's and while eating supper his faithful mare called "Gyp" broke loose and walked home. So that elected Jim to drive him home.

Ben O'Grave of Tywapity, was among us Sunday.

Mrs. Jap Simmons has been sick. Our school has organized a literary society which meets every two weeks and is called "Cross Plains literary society," following is the program for next Friday.

Song—By the school.
Recitation—Pearl Minter.
Quotations—Herman Hoffman.
Reading—Ruth Harrison.
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Recitation—Blanch Hopper.
Reading—Wade Jehlen.
Reading—Raymond Triplett.
Recitation—Ruth Hopper.
Reading—Glen Caraker.
Recitation—Chas. Harrison.
Reading—Ben Hoffman.
Recitation—Adam Simmons.
Reading—Grace Caraker.
Dialogue—Olive and Helen McLaughlin, Edith Rapp, Horace Caraker and Leslie Harrison.

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FROM HICKORY GROVE.

Carter Foster and son were at Morley, and Mrs. Carter Foster and children visited at John Beckman's Sunday.

Little Joyce Foster is very sick. H. F. Emerson has just returned from St. Louis.

R. M. Finley and family of Benton visited the family of James Foster Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Campbell fell and broke a rib during the sick weather.

S. O. Finley and his daughter, Miss Gladys, visited at Slapout Sunday.

Claud and Miss Mabel Finley visited Mrs. J. C. Foster Monday night.

Mrs. Josh Zimmerman and family visited at J. W. Mull's Sunday.

Ed. Vaughn moved to P. H. Boyce's farm near Ward's school. We have a fine Sunday school.

HERE AND YONDER.

The proposition to bond Stoddard county for 20,000 to build a new jail was voted down last week. The farmers union opposed it, while the business men and the politicians favored it.

Peter Bollinger came over from Randles Friday and remained over Sunday. Mrs. Bollinger had been here for some time waiting on her sick mother, Mrs. Fritz Glasetter.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Schlosser of New Hamburg was here Wednesday. Nick says he wants to buy a good family mare. Anyone having one for sale will do well to see him.

F. C. Walker, of Dexter, son of C. N. Walker, of the Portageville Clinic, was a Kicker caller Sunday. He is here in the employ of the S. E. Mo. Telephone Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Blattel, of near Schererville, spent Monday with the family of Joe L. Scherer in Sandywoods.

Henry Brannan, a former resident of Cross Plains, died at Point Pleasant Monday of pneumonia.

J. R. Mason and son Fred, of near Blodgett were in Benton Wednesday of last week.

Charley Slinkard came over from Chaffee Friday on horseback.

John Hahn of New Hamburg, was in Benton Tuesday.

Frank Mackley of Blodgett was here Monday.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Albert Messmer, Kelso.
Miss Annie LeGrand, Kelso.
Fred Taylor, Morehouse.
Miss Florence Golightly, Morehouse.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Henry Groejan, L. P. Gosche, and John Blittel, the home insurance committee, are on their rounds taking new appraisements for the next three years. Now, it will not be disputed by anyone of the members that the home insurance is a better and cheaper than the insurance furnished by the capitalists. We farmers own and control the home company—and DON'T IT WORK FINE? That is just what the Socialists want you to do—own and control all of the things that you must COLLECTIVELY USE. And it would work exactly the same on other lines as in insurance. But, oh, no; I'm born a Democrat and will stay a Democrat. Or, I'll vote the Republican ticket 'cause paw did. That's much wiser than my fool neighbor who votes to have the people instead of private interest to own everything.

During the first of the month Killian Gueck, a helping his father, George Gueck, near Kelso, kill hogs. On a wagon he carried a ten gallon stone jar filled with sausage into the cellar. As a result he was badly ruptured and a very sick man. He was taken to his home near Dutchtown, and from there to St. Louis where an operation was performed and he is reported getting along well. Young men should be careful in lifting and jumping.

A crowd of six boys and five girls—Wm. and Louis Hahn, John and Andy Bucher, Lawrence Reiger, David Westrich, and the Misses Mary Reiger, Clara Bucher, Julia Hahn, Annie Grasser and Nora Lux—tramped through the snow Tuesday of last week to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Blattel, two miles north of town, and danced and had a good time.

Andy Glaus is experimenting with water-works for this place and can be found in the cellar of John Stike's new residence pumping water with a Sandywoods pump and three feet of rubber hose applied with a hand-full of mud and a gunny sack.

Monday it was thought another snow storm struck town, but it was soon discovered that Uncle Louis Reiger was out with his buck saw and kept the air filled with saw-dust.

A child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Barney Heuring Monday and was christened the following day. Andy Gueck and Miss Clara Bucher stood sponsors.

Charley, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kern of near Benton, died Tuesday and was buried Wednesday after an illness of 14 days.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bucher last week. Wendoline Bucher and Miss Dora Dirnberger stood sponsors.

August Heiserer and Leo Compas, who visited at Barney Heuring's last week, were here home Friday.

Charlie Bollinger, son of the high school, spent the day at St. Louis, Miss Amelle, his sister, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Joe Compas.

Frank Kuhn, a New Hamburg boy, has been promoted to chief of police of Texarkana, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gueck of near Kelso visited the family of Herman Gueck last week.

Dennis Grasser is making a sled so that in case of another snow he can ride. A good idea.

Phil Westrich and son David took in load of wheat to Benton station Monday.

Joe Urhahn and Leo Compas were at Benton Wednesday of last week.

The boys had a dance among themselves at Hahn's Hall Monday night.

John Halter and sister, Miss Bertha, drove toward Benton Monday.

Levi Miller of Chaffee and Albert Enderle of Kelso were here Monday.

All Messmer and Joe Martin of Kelso were here Tuesday.

Dan Maurer and son, Gus, of Cape were here Friday.

John Compas of Kelso was here Monday.

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FROM FORTNELLT.

The railroad and ware house commissioners of the Cotton-belt railroad company met at the bank Monday morning for the purpose of discussing the proposition of putting in an agent, and also express service. We earnestly hope that we will get them.

Kinder Bros., have sold their grocery store to W. A. Brooks of Jackson, who is now running the business in the same place. Kinders are contemplating going into the sawmill business in Arkansas.

After a five months' trip around the world, Bill Rubel has decided that there's "no place like home" and came back to Fortnelt. It does seem that this is the best place, yet.

Elso Brant, the seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Brant died of scarlet fever, Sunday night. The remains were interred in the Fortnelt cemetery.

L. E. Jones has returned to this place from his hunting trip to Arkansas. He also visited his brother-in-law at Slagmore, Texas.

The officials of the I. C. I. M., Cotton Belt railroad companies were here last week, investigating the wreck which occurred at Anell.

The Company has installed a time clock in the round house, for the purpose of registering the time of the employees.

Aug. Ziegler and Ira Coats left Saturday, for Texarkana hospital, for the purpose of improving their health.

W. H. Stubblefield, Jr. of Oran was elected president of the Stoddard bank of Cape Girardeau.

Henry Holman, also known as Henry Furnas, has returned to Anell from Jefferson City.

Albert P. Bauer, of Cape Girardeau, spent several days of last week in Fortnelt.

During the snow of last week, Otto Schoen fell down hurting his arm severely.

Ewalt H. mm is out in the country trying his son-in-law, Geo. Ziegler.

H. C. Kaiser spent several days of last week in Texarkana.

James A. Finch has returned from Washington, D. C.

Mr. Louis Keesee's health is in a very critical condition.

The little son of Wm. Diebold is on the sick list.

FROM BLODGETT.

Mrs. Rutledge, mother of Mrs. G. W. Pearman, died Friday of heart trouble, aged 66 years. Saturday the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Pearman died and both were buried in the same grave in the Blodgett cemetery Sunday.

Joe Pfefferkorn, of near Oran, was here Wednesday getting seed peas from Mrs. Louis LeGrand.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Berks, who has been very sick, is reported better.

Mrs. Watts, of Farmington, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Stubbs.

Henry Brasher of Charleston visited his brother Sam, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cavanaugh went to Lutesville Sunday.

Arthur Lemley and Joe Morrison have moved to town.

Mr. and Mrs. Becker went to Charleston Saturday.

Uncle Andy Williams is able to be out again.

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FROM VANDUSER.

Miss Grace Bohnhardt has a class of contestants that will give a recital on the evening of the 31st at the M. E. Church. Admission, 10 cents. Don't fail to hear and encourage these young people in this work.

The Seven-cent Supper given by ladies of Baptist church at the home of Mrs. L. P. Woodward was a delightful entertainment for all present, but was not patronized as such should be.

Madam Rumor has it that some of our ladies have already taken advantage of the leap year and will go into matrimony ere we send another letter.

Mrs. James R. Joyce was called to St. Louis last week to be at the bedside of her brother, Alpha Emerson, who has undergone an operation for appendicitis.

The Ladies of the M. E. church will serve oyster soup and fruit and cake in the Layton Hall on Feb. 2nd. Everybody invited.

Misses Mollie Patterson and Mae Perkins of this place had suspicious business at Oran Monday—leaky year victims.

Miss Edna Ratts returned from Marquand Saturday where she had been for six weeks at a meeting.

Paul Schuenenberg of Kewanee was up Monday evening and took the initiation of Knights of Pythias.

Saturday and Sunday morning Bro. Ferguson will preach at Crowder, and here Sunday evening.

There is good evidence that there will be a hickory mill in connection with the hoop factory. Miss Floy Bug spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks on Hugg Ridge.

Porter Smith is visiting with his folks here. He has been dredging in Arkansas.

Fred Jones of Stikeston was up Sunday. Grover Wilson accompanied him.

The League had service in Mrs. Ella Joyce home Sunday at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Mabelle Riggs visited at Morehouse last week.

FROM CROWDER.

While on the ice Sunday, Liddle Denbow slipped and fell striking her head injuring her some.

FROM MORLEY.

A child of Horace Collier died of scarlet fever Monday night. There are some more cases of fever in Mr. Collier's family.

Rev. Bevel, an evangelist and singer, of Charleston, is conducting a revival meeting at the Baptist church.

George Jacobs will thresh peas in Richwoods when the new sand which baler, which he ordered, arrives.

Mrs. Florence Digby of Cape Girardeau is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mollie Atherton.

Miss Maggie Swain and her brother, Thurman, of Stikeston, are visiting here.

Andy Cooper was in attendance at his lawsuit with the I. M. R. R. Co. Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Grant visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Abernathy Sunday.

A. A. Evans outlived the blizzard and came up to Morley Tuesday.

Mrs. Bettie Bryant who was improving, has taken a relapse. The Senior Epworth League held its first meeting Sunday.

J. E. Smith loaded a car of hogs on the Frisco Tuesday.

R. W. Modlin has moved into the Nations property.

Watson Swain of Stikeston was here Sunday.

Miss Lila Daugherty has been very sick.

TANNER AND ROOTWAD.

Miss Exie Leach, teacher of Rootwad school spent Sunday with homefolks at Morehouse.

Miss Lila McCain returned from a visit to Tennessee last week and resumed her school.

Guss Wright and wife of Vanduser visited her mother, Mrs. J. S. Smith here Sunday.

While logging last week Earl Twitty caught his finger under a chain and cut it off.

Mrs. T. M. Cloin and Joe Ellis have returned from an extended visit in Dent county.

Joe Smith visited his brother Charles at Canolou last week, returning Sunday.

Frank Peters and R. L. McVey were at Hunterville last week.

Mrs. J. T. Gray Sundayed with her mother, Mrs. F. M. Trent.

Ham Accord had returned from a visit to Naylor.

J. F. Gray of Rootwad visited at Marston Sunday.

Frank Peters has started up his saw mill.

Ed. Keys and family moved to Morehouse.

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Strayed—A red cow, marks split and underbit in right ear and has been dehorned. Also a red heifer, about 18 months old in same mark, with small horns. Joel Hopper, Benton, Mo.

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THE MAN AND THE MULE.

The following is an extract from an Arkansas paper, where a fellow of a fertile mind writes upon a fertile subject—the mule: "Bill you're a mule, the son of a jackass, and I'm a man, made in the image of God. Yet here we work hitched to each other, year in, and year out. I often wonder if you work for me, or I for you. Sometimes I think it is a partnership between a mule and a fool. For surely I work the hardest of the two. Plowing here, we cover the same distance, but you do it on four legs and I on two. So, mathematically speaking, I do twice as much work per leg as you do."

THE STRAW VOTE.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 20.—The first returns of a straw vote announced today by the Herald-Transcript show an overwhelming sentiment in favor of Roosevelt for president. LaFollette runs ahead of Taft. The vote was, Roosevelt, 384; LaFollette, 69; Taft, 18; Hughes 12 and Hadley 1.

FRED MERRICK FREED AFTER SERVING TWO MONTHS SENTENCE.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Fred Merrick, editor of Justice, a weekly Socialist paper, has just been released from prison, following a two months' incarceration after conviction before a packed jury on a charge of libel.

A libel suit was filed against Merrick by a judge of the local court whom Merrick exposed on account of his notorious decisions on the bench. The imprisonment of Merrick has aroused a great deal of Socialist sentiment here.

Gertrude Breslau Hunt of Chicago edited Justice while Merrick was confined to his cell in the Allegheny county jail.